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**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Samuel Unger (Original Signed By)  
Unit Chief, TMDL Unit 2

**DATE:** March 12, 2004

**SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER CHLORIDE TMDL  
TO REVISE THE INTERIM WASTE LOAD ALLOCATIONS -  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

On December 31, 2003, we issued a public notice that on March 4, 2004, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) would consider a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to modify a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River by revising the interim waste load allocations. On January 6, 2004, The State Water Resource Control Board recommended that the Regional Board also reconsider the implementation plan of the TMDL. This notice is to inform the public that the Regional Board may consider revisions to the implementation plan of the TMDL at its hearing scheduled for **Thursday, May 6, 2004** at 9:00 A.M., at the Simi Valley City Council Chambers, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA.

At the public hearing, the public will have opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the TMDL.

A copy of the Tentative Basin Plan Amendment for the revision of the interim waste load allocation for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River TMDL is posted on the Regional Board's web page under Remanded Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL. The website address is:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/tmdl/tmdl\\_ws\\_santa\\_clara.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/tmdl/tmdl_ws_santa_clara.html)

Please contact Elizabeth Erickson at 213-576-6683 or Sam Unger at 213-576-6784 with questions or to request additional copies of the staff report and related materials.

Oral presentations can be made at the Board meeting and should be summarized in writing to the extent possible. Time limitations on presentations may be imposed. In order to review and to assess comments, the Regional Board staff must receive written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **April 26, 2004**. Comments concerning the implementation plan are still due on this date. Comments should be submitted to:

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ATTN: Elizabeth Erickson

### Background

The TMDL for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River that was adopted by the Regional Board in July 2003 included interim waste load allocations for chloride from the Saugus and Valencia Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs). These interim waste load allocations enable the major dischargers to conduct special studies or implement effluent treatment, if necessary, to reduce chloride loading to the Santa Clara River. Subsequent to the Regional Board hearing in July 2003, the discharger provided information showing that the effluent concentrations from the Saugus and Valencia WRPs are dependent on the impact of chloride loads entering the watershed in imported water.

In November 2003, the Regional Board renewed the NPDES permits for the Saugus and Valencia WRPs. The NPDES permits contain interim effluent limits for chloride based on a value for the external water supply plus a loading factor. The purpose of this proposed action is to conform the interim waste load allocations in the TMDL for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River with the interim effluent limits for chloride in the recently renewed NPDES permits for the Saugus and Valencia WRPs.

Staff note the revision of the interim waste load allocation will have minimal effect on agricultural production or groundwater quality. Staff also notes that the TMDL requires alternative water supply should the instream water quality deteriorate and affect agriculture or aquatic life beneficial uses.

In February 2004 the State Water Quality Control Board reviewed the TMDL and requested the Regional Board to re-examine the proposal implementation plan and the interim limits in consultation with the discharger. Based on discussions between the Regional Board staff and County Sanitation Districts staff, the following revisions to the TMDL Implementation Plan will be considered by the Regional Board.



- (a) The interim limits are based on the chloride concentration of the water served from Castaic Lake for municipal supply in the Santa Clarita Valley plus a loading factor of 134 mg/L for the Valencia WRP and 114 mg/L for the Saugus WRP, measured as a twelve month rolling average.
- (b) The Regional Board will review the implementation plan 12 months and 9 years after the effective date of the TMDL to determine if the implementation tasks and their time allotments are satisfactory.
- (c) The completions of some of the technical assessment tasks are rescheduled for completion one year later.

